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This will confirm information orally furnished to Mr. Walter Jessop of the Department of State by Mr. W. V. Cleveland of this Bureau on April 15, 1959. (v)

An informant who has furnished reliable information in the past on April 14, 1959, advised that Fidel Castro, Prime Minister of Cuba, has instructed that no one in his party carry firearms during the visit to the United States. The informant stated that several individuals will undoubtedly carry firearms for personal protection as they believe that anti-Castro elements under Rafael del Pino and Rolando Masferrer will cause demonstrations and might attempt reprisals. The informant had no specific information concerning any such plans.

The informant stated that anticommunist and pro-United States leaders in the Castro Government are exerting pressure on Castro to put aside his byther Raul and Ernesto "Che" Guevara who are decused of being communists. Castro is now torn between loyalty to his brother and Guevara and his own feelings which are of uncertain quality.

Pedro Luis Diaz Lanz, Chief of Cuban Air Force, advised the informant that Carlos Prio Socarras, a former president of Cuba, is now suspected of conspiring against Fidel Castro, but Castro does not know of this as yet.

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